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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER VISIT EDINBURGH

SCOTTISH COUNCIL SOURCES TOLD ME TODAY THAT THEY WERE WRESTLING WITH KNOTTY PROBLEM OF HOW TO BRING HOME TO PM AT THEIR MEETING FEB 28 HERE THE SERIOUSNESS OF LONDON'S FAILURE TO APPRECIATE DISAFFECTION IN SCOTLAND WITH CURRENT DEVOLUTION TALK AND ACTS, WHICH IF CONTINUED WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER GROWTH OF NATIONALIST SUPPORT FOR MORE RADICAL STEPS. MAJOR POINTS OF EMPHASIS WILL RELATE TO INCREASED INVESTMENT, MODERNIZATION AND UTILIZATION OF STEEL INDUSTRY ON CLYDE AND TO EFFECTIVE DEVOLUTION OF SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF NORTH SEA OIL DEVELOPMENT, SUCH AS MOVE OF DEPT OF ENERGY AND POLICY MAKERS TO SCOTLAND.

COMMENT: SCOTTISH COUNCIL (DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY) IS NON-POLITICAL, NON-PROFIT, NON-XENOPHOBIC, WELL STAFFED, WELL RESPECTED ORGANIZATION OF BOTH MANAGEMENT AND LABOR, WHICH DOES ITS HOMEWORK WELL. IT IS PROBABLY SAFE TO SAY ITS REACTIONS TO CURRENT DELIBERATIONS ON SCOTTISH MATTERS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS ARE REFLECTED REASONABLY WELL IN LAST WEEK'S SERIES OF SCOTSMAN EDITORIAL PAGE ARTICLES ON DEVOLUTION, WHICH WOULD SHIFT NORTHWARD SOME OF THE PREREQUISITES OF STATES RIGHTS, TO WHICH SCOTS CONTRIBUTED IN AMERICA SOME TIME BACK. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THOMAS JEFFERSON HAD A SCOTTISH TUTOR AND THAT ALL FOUR MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON'S FIRST CABINET CLAIMED SCOTTISH BLOOD. THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME OF THAT SAME REVOLUTIONARY, INDEPENDENT

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AND INNOVATIVE SPIRIT IN THE EMBERS HERE, AND THE CONSENSUS OF

WHAT I CONSIDER INFORMED OPINION SEEMS RESIGNED TO VIEW THAT  
LONDON WILL REMAIN FIRMLY ENTRENCHED 'BEHIND THE POWER CURVE'  
WITH TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE.  
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